

***Remarks***

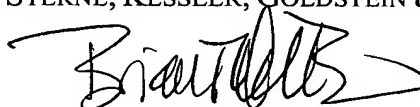
Amendment is sought to the specification to correct minor typographical errors at paragraphs [0007] and [0113]. The amended citation in paragraph [0007] was cited at page 96, paragraph [0286], in the application as filed on July 14, 2003, and was fully incorporated by reference therein by statements made in paragraphs [0249] and [0352]. The amendment to the citation in paragraph [0113] is merely to correct a page number in a cited reference. Hence these amendments do not introduce new matter.

***Conclusion***

Prompt entry and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for immediate examination. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian J. Del Buono", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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